

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
No. 1:23-cv-00423-WO-JLW

TIMIA CHAPLIN; KEVIN SPRUILL;
ROTESHA MCNEIL; QIANA ROBERTSON;
YOUSEF JALLAL; MESSIEJAH BRADLEY;
PAULINO CASTELLANOS; ROBERT LEWIS;
AND ALLEN SIFFORD, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILLIE R. ROWE, in his official capacity as the
Sheriff of Wake County; BRIAN ESTES, in his
official capacity as the Sheriff of Lee County;
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY, as the surety for the Sheriff of
Wake County and as surety for the Sheriff of Lee
County; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.;
NORTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OF THE COURTS; RYAN BOYCE, in
his official capacity as the Executive Director of
the North Carolina Administrative Office of the
Courts; BRAD FOWLER, in his official capacity
as the eCourts Executive Sponsor and Chief
Business Officer of the North Carolina
Administrative Office of the Courts; BLAIR
WILLIAMS, in his official capacity as the Wake
County Clerk of Superior Court; SUSIE K.
THOMAS, in her official capacity as the Lee
County Clerk of Superior Court; JOHN DOE
SURETY, as the surety for the Wake County
Clerk of Superior Court and the Lee County
Clerk of Superior Court; and DOES 1
THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

**RESPONSE IN
OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR CLASS
CERTIFICATION OF
DEFENDANT BRIAN
ESTES,
IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS SHERIFF
OF LEE COUNTY**

NOW COMES the Defendant Brian Estes, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Lee County, and files this response in opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.

Defendant Estes opposes Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (Doc. 53).

Defendant Estes incorporates by reference the arguments in the briefs and responses opposing Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification that have been filed, or will be filed, by the other defendants in this lawsuit.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Estes respectfully submits that his motion to dismiss should be granted, and that Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification should be denied.

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of January, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 5, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing **RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT BRIAN ESTES, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY** with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all Counsel of record.

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